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SUBJECT: KUWAIT DEMARCHE DELIVERED: PRESSURING SYRIA TO
NORMALIZE SYRIAN-LEBANESE RELATIONS

REF: STATE 151378

Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

(C) The Ambassador delivered ref A demarche August 20 to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Acting Under Secretary and International Organizations Department Director Ambassador Abdullah Al-Murad. He expressed U.S. concern that the Government of Syria was using periodic border blockades to politically manipulate Lebanon and asked that the GOK remind the GOS that such behavior was unacceptable. Al-Murad advised the Ambassador that the GOK shared our concerns about Syrian involvement in Lebanon.
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